

NEWSLETTER

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UPCOMING EVENTS		MEETINGS	
Monday 8 th September	Curriculum day Children at home	Thursday 4 th September	KMC meeting
Friday 12 th September Roll Cap Celebration!	6pm Supper Fireworks to follow	Thursday 11 th September	BOT meeting

FROM THE OFFICE

Important reminder:

Next Monday, 8th September the teachers have a student –free curriculum day to plan for the 2009 school year; and to develop skills and knowledge in the Extra Lesson programme. Roslyn, who is a trained Extra Lesson teacher, will lead the teachers in developing skills and knowledge in the observation of children and in the use of Extra Lesson developmental activities in our teaching. All children, school and kindergarten, to **stay home**.

*Proprietor's Party – Come and celebrate the roll cap lift.
Supper (finger food only please) at 6pm .
Fireworks, barn dancing...
Friday September 12th*

Recorder Ensemble

Five adventurous individuals are getting together to form a recorder ensemble to play at the Craft fair in late November. I have recorders in all sizes – soprano, descant, treble, tenor and bass. If you would like to join us and have a basic skill in reading music (the pieces are all easy!) please let Brenda or Clare know. We will practise one lunchtime (1-2 pm) a week to be agreed on by the players.

Raffle for Art Classes

The school will be raffling a voucher worth \$150 for art classes at Ma-Fi Arts Workshop in term 4. Tickets will be out with families shortly to sell and the winner will be drawn at the Spring Festival.

Latest on the Yurts:

The Yurts are in Port! I expect to be picking them up early in the week, and have talked to the school Angel, Linda Miles, about short term storage in her garage. I am still negotiating the parking, but expect to finalize this Monday, which is the last hurdle for resource consent. The digger will be back next Monday to widen the top platform, so am tentatively scheduling a formwork work bee Saturday the 13th.

Merrall MacNeille

Hear Ye Hear Ye !!
Fair Sunday 30 November

Only 13 weeks to go folks! Let's start to get ready now so it's not a huge scramble at the end of November. Please think about your contributions to the fair – it's our main fundraiser for the year! Linda (472-7646) is co-ordinating planning and communication via the newsletter but is not the co-ordinator on the day!

We need to start making jam, elderflower syrup (when the flowers come out) and all our grandmothers favourite preserves and potions - and growing seedlings and plants for the PRODUCE STALL

We need to get fair posters and flyers DESIGNED and PRINTED. Is anyone interested in this? Does anyone have any contacts in the printing trade for a discount?

We need people to make beautiful ADVERTISING BILLBOARDS to put on the main road

We need people to organise CHILDREN'S ACTIVITIES AND GAMES - outside and inside

We need people to be responsible for myriad tasks on fair day –but we can leave planning for that till nearer the day.

We need lots of Steiner CRAFTS made

We need someone to help Paula with ADVERTISING

We need horses brought to the school for pony rides

We need donations of ORGANIC PRODUCTS –either non-perishable food or health care items for the "Organic raffle"

Please put them in the marked box in the office

We need all other IDEAS, CONTRIBUTIONS and INSPIRATIONS to make our fair the uplifting, special (and least stressful) day it always is.

We'll have a quick fair meeting on Fridays after 9am.

SCHOOL NEWS

Class 1/2/3

The children are very involved with the *Gnome's Nook* maths main lesson, and now have 2 class shops. Next week, on Thursday 11 September, the children will have a café, *Daisy's Delights* for morning tea, 11am – noon, at which, for a small price, delicious cuisine based on ancient Gnome recipes may be sampled! All welcome.

A warm thank you to all parents who assisted us in our costume and mask-making activities last Friday. It was a happy, productive day and the children are delighted with the beards, hats and tails they made. Thanks also to the parents who volunteered to take home the more challenging projects. Your time and skill is much appreciated.

Speaking of appreciation – Thanks heaps, Merrall!

Liselle has been quietly working away attending meetings, acquiring native plants and working with the bush area at school; Cecil has created a detailed and effective grant for organic gardens; and Linda is applying for grants with several electricity companies for the heating and lighting of our yurts. Thank you all!

Brenda.

Class 4/5/6

With spring cleaning at the school and at home, the Upper Class are wondering if families are finding the following items which could be brought in for the classroom:

- Rope: the radial threads of our web are up; now to begin 'spinning'...!
- Tennis balls: any spare/old balls would be appreciated for games
- Bicycle inner tubes
- We eagerly await the possibility of 4x2 timber for stilt-making

Special request: To conclude our *Man & Animal* main lesson I would like to sculpt in clay on Thursday; however, the clay I have has dried somewhat and is unable to be used at present. If someone could supply an amount that could be bought or exchanged, or demonstrate how clay from the school grounds could be prepared (?!) the children and I would be very grateful!

Also, I am planning on purchasing a filter and aeration system for the class fish tank – if anyone happens to have an old one it would save the school buying one in. Please talk to me directly if you have any ideas.

Many Thanks!

Lee.

KINDERGARTEN NEWS

We would like to have a Kinder Spring Festival on the 26th September, the last day of term. This will not be a normal kinder day. We ask that children arrive at 9.45am and we will make flower garlands and then we will dance a short spring dance outside. After this the children will show you their spring circle and then a short story will be told. This will be followed by a shared morning tea. You will be asked to bring something for morning tea. At 11.30 am the primary school will have their performance if you wish to stay. You will be reminded closer to the date. There will be a curriculum day on Monday, September the 8th and there will be no kinder. Please make other arrangements for your children this day.

Thank you Roslyn

PLAYGROUP NEWS

Playgroup sessions this term will be held at the Ravensbourne Hall, Wednesdays, 10.30 - 12.30pm. Please bring a piece of fruit and a gold coin donation. See you there.

CRAFT GROUP NEWS

Dear All. We need to think about the fair and make some crafts for the kids (small beautiful crafts selling for \$1, \$2, \$3) If you have some ideas, please let us know. We would love to hear from you. (Talk to Marie 471 2181) Also because of the fair, the craft group will try to run sessions every Tuesday from now. Please tell us if you want to be involved in organising a session.

Tuesday 2 nd Sept	9am to 1pm Ravensbourne Hall	Make a doll with Cecil You can come and finish the doll you started at the Sunday workshop, or you start a new one
Tuesday 9 th Sept	9am to 1pm Ravensbourne Hall	Sew an Animal with Catherine Knitted fabric will be provided. Just bring sewing gear.

A note from Catherine: Could the people that are knitting for the craftgroup or other knitting projects please ensure that they are knitted in pure wool. Thanks

Community Notices

Community notices in our newsletter will appear for one week only and may be edited to accommodate space. If you wish to place a notice please email your notice to office@dunedin.steiner.school.nz

Learn/improve your knitting by knitting farm toys for kindy. Also one set to be raffled at the fair. Talk to Catherine 473 8302

*Marie would like to invite ceramic lovers to come to the opening of the **Otago Potters Group Exhibition** at the Dunedin Community Gallery, Princes Street, on Monday 1st September at 5.30pm. The exhibition will run from Tuesday 2nd September to Monday 8th September from 10am to 5pm. Everybody is welcome.*

For Sale

Bicycle : girls, 3 -5 years, good condition.

Make an offer : Marie & Christophe 471 2181